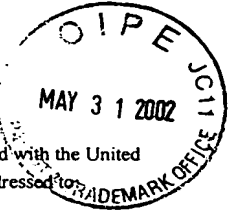


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 15, 26, 36, 41, and 111-114. Please amend claims 1, 24, 35, 40, 45-58 and 73-109 to read as follows.

1. A method of modulating seed mass or oil content in a plant, the method comprising:

providing a first plant comprising a recombinant expression cassette containing an ADC nucleic acid linked to a plant promoter, which ADC nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence at least about 80% identical to a nucleic acid sequence selected from a group consisting of SEQ ID NO:100, SEQ ID NO:101, SEQ ID NO:102, SEQ ID NO:103, SEQ ID NO:104, SEQ ID NO:105, SEQ ID NO:106, SEQ ID NO:107, SEQ ID NO:108, SEQ ID NO:109, SEQ ID NO 110,

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